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case book that it omits examples on the ground that they have already been used. Of the new cases, 43 were decided since 1900.

The author very wisely restricts his work to cases of non-contractual debts. It may be doubted whether, in our law, any other sort of obligation deserves to be classified among quasi contracts. He rightly indicates no doubt that a debt is non-contractual, even though a tort or a breach of an express contract may have been one of the causative facts.

ARTHUR L. CORBIN.

A Treatise on Federal Criminal Law Procedure with Forms of Indictment and Writ of Error and the Federal Penal Code.

By William H. Atwell. Second Edition. Published by T. H. Flood & Company, Chicago. 1916. pp. 808.

Mr. Atwell was for several years United States District Attorney for the Northern District of Texas. No better preparation could be had for the making of a compendium of federal criminal law and procedure. A work of this kind is necessarily more of a digest than a treatise and it offers small opportunity for treatment along original lines—indeed Mr. Atwell makes no special claim for originality in his preface. Nevertheless his pages are replete with suggestions which are plainly the result of the personal observations of a broadly-experienced and resourceful practitioner. This is especially true of the chapter on “Practical Suggestions.” The author has shown great discrimination in selecting his indictment forms. An appendix contains a reference to all laws of a general nature, permanent in character, in force December 1, 1909, having penal provisions not properly severable from the administrative provisions, not contained in the criminal code, but embraced in the general revision of the Laws of the United States.

JOHN WURTS.

Connecticut Compensation Decisions, Volume I. Published by the State of Connecticut. pp. 732.

In 1913 there was passed in Connecticut a Workmen's Compensation Act which became effective January 1, 1914. The passage of this Act marked an epoch in the history of Connecticut. Legally, it was the most important change since the adoption of the Practice Act in 1879. Socially, it was the beginning of a new